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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MORE VIOLENCE IN WINDHOEK AND OWAMBO

REF: PRETORIA 2897

1. SITUATION IN WINDHOEK AND OWAMBO CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE  
AS FURTHER VIOLENT INCIDENTS ARE REPORTED.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HUGE CROWD OF AFRICANS WENT  
ON RAMPAGE IN WINDHOEK'S OWAMBO MIGRANT WORKERS COMPOUND AUGUST 16.  
WORKERS ATTACKED AND STONED BLACK MUNICIPAL CONSTABLES AND,  
WHEN 17 CONSTABLES TOOK REFUGE IN THEIR OWN QUARTERS, LOCKED THEM IN  
AND TRIED TO BURN THEM ALIVE. CONSTABLES REPORTEDLY ESCAPED WITHOUT  
SERIOUS INJURY. STRONG FORCE OF POLICE IN RIOT TRUCKS  
AND ARMORED CARS AND ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC FIREARMS HAVE  
SEALED OFF COMPOUND.

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3. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT IN WINDHOEK, POLICE RAIDED SOUTH

WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION ( SWAPO ) YOUTH LEAGUE  
MEETING, LOOKING FOR MEN WHO HAD SPOKEN AT PUBLIC  
MEETING AUGUST 12. ONE SWAPO MEMBER WAS SHOT DEAD.  
THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF SWAPO WERE ARRESTED EARLIER IN  
DAY. THEY ARE MARTIN KAPEWASHA, MISS VICTORINA NAMENE  
AND MISS ELIZABETH MARTIN.

4. IN OWAMBO ITSELF, POLICE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE CLASHED  
WITH PUPILS AT TWO SCHOOLS AUGUST 16 WHEN THEY WENT TO  
ARREST TEACHERS. NUMBER OF PEOPLE DETAINED IN OWAMBO IN  
LAST TWO DAYS HAS RISEN TO AT LEAST 36, AND THERE ARE  
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF AT LEAST TWO DEATHS-- A POLICEMAN  
AND A CIVILIAN-- RESULTING FROM POLICE ACTION. POLICE  
REPORTEDLY TOLD AN UNIDENTIFIED WINDHOEK ATTORNEY THAT  
MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARRESTED IN PAST TWO DAYS WOULD NOT BE  
BROUGHT TO TRIAL; THEY ARE BEING HELD UNDER REGULATIONS  
WHICH ALLOW INDEFINITE DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL.

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